

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 6/6/13

PRESENT: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Janice Pare, Secretary Pete Howard

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Charlotte was unable to come to the meeting. She provided a written report (Ref 1). She included a section on her plans for FY14. Members are concerned that the bar graph is misleading since the last bar shows only year-to-date numbers while the others show whole year numbers. Pete will discuss w/ Charlotte using end-of-year projections instead. Follow-up: Concerns to be addressed.

BUSINESS RECYCLING: Juli & Sue met w/ Town Manager on 5/23. He supports efforts to increase business recycling. He said he would straighten out the confusion between departments. Sue said in an email that she plans to follow up over the summer.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY REVIEW: See Ref 1 for a good summary. Members are concerned that as more people learn about the styrofoam collection service, the demand will exceed the hauler's capacity. Charlotte said in a telcon that she had discussed a larger truck with the hauler. He does not have a larger truck but could pack more tightly and if necessary make 2 trips. Gordon suggested that the ARC might fund styrofoam collection in conjunction with school electronic collections if the schools were interested. This would relieve pressure at CCD in regards to both electronics and styrofoam issues. Of course our support would be conditioned on school use of certified electronic recyclers. It would also encourage DPW/School collaboration.

MEMBERSHIP: No action taken because of concerns w/ the conflict of interest training. Pete, Juli, Gordon & (probably) Charlotte have done it. Janice will do. Juli will contact Erica, Ellen & Peggy to confirm their interest despite the training. When all is settled, Gordon will send list to Moderator for his approval.

KITCHEN WASTE COMPOSTING: Charlotte planned to apply for a grant to plan & carry out a pilot program (Ref1). Gordon suggested proposing that JRM develop a composting collection capability making use of their dual compactor trucks. Pete to draft a letter describing this idea for review and presentation to Town Manager & DPW Director this fall.

NEW BUSINESS: Juli suggested developing a Survey Monkey survey to find out how people who are on our mailing list might like to contribute. Perhaps the survey could solicit interest in particular topics & tasks. Members thought this a good idea. Gordon suggested re-asking recycling questions used in the 2009 Annual Vision 2020 Survey (refer to the 2009 Annual Report) to see if the residents have been affected by the WM to JRM change. Members think this too is a good idea.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (Not addressed above)

- MA-DEP Solid Waste Plan Letter to Governor - Follow-up w/ other communities
- Advocate/Patch Recycling Promotion Articles
- Recycling/Collection Bin Map
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Plastic film recycling
- Bulk item collection

FUTURE MEETINGS: Sept date TBD.

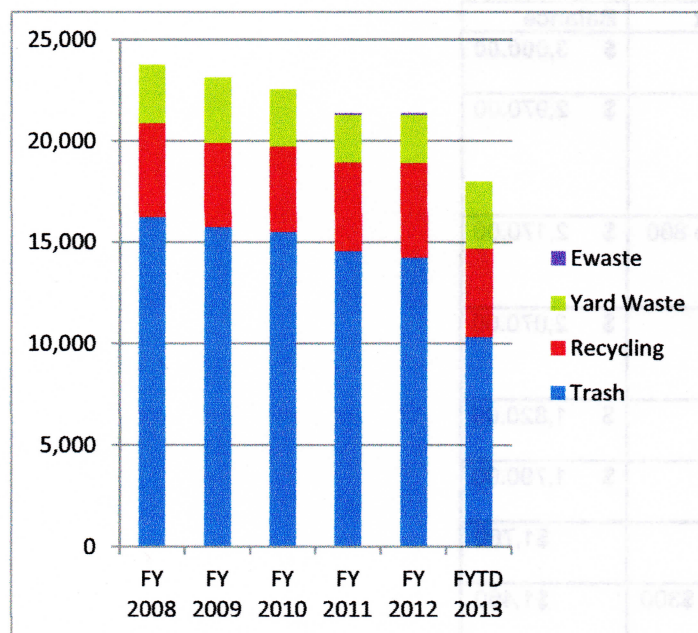
Ref 1 Recycling Coordinator Report

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	Trash	Recycling	Yard Waste	Ewaste	MSW tons per household (22,607 hhds)
FY 2008	16,232	4639	2881		FY 2008 0.72
FY 2009	15,740	4165	3216		FY 2012 0.63
FY 2010	15,493	4244	2799		Mass MSW Master Plan Goals
FY 2011	14,538	4395	2332	72	baseline MSW 16,232 tons
FY 2012	14,248	4652	2381	68	30% by 2020 10,875 tons
FYTD 2013	10,341	4347	3297	73 final (est.)	50% by 2050 8,116 tons

What the numbers tell us:

If we stay on course through May and June (by adding 2,450 est. based on May and June numbers the last few years), FY 2013 trash totals will reach 12,791 tons, or .56 tons per household. Yard waste numbers are already over 3,000 tons, which is higher than the past few years. For comparison to other high years, FY 2007 was 3,163 and FY2009 was 3,216. Recycling tonnage could rise to 5000 tons for the first time.



May 10 Community Collection Day Report

The event was crowded as usual at the beginning and the end. We should consider opening 15 minutes early in the future (unadvertised) so that we don't get such a back up on Mass Ave. Foam recycling was successful by all accounts: the track filled, the volunteers were excellent and both ReFoamIt and the public expressed satisfaction. The paper shredding fundraiser raised over \$1,100 and that donation was completed. The donation volunteers were overwhelmed when the textile recycling was so well advertised that it brought in lots of material. We took 5 truck loads to Goodwill. Next year we should have more volunteers at donations and a Goodwill truck dedicated to textiles. The Board of Health did not have any concerns about the changes they began this year. THANKS to all the volunteers who make this possible!!!!

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New for 2013-2014

Trash and recycle guide for upcoming year will emphasize paper and cardboard recycling as well as using the proper size container to prevent litter.

This coming fiscal year I will be investigating and piloting recycling ideas for public space recycling.

E-Waste has great opportunity for the ARC to get involved with the schools in the coming year. Check out State Electronics Challenge for more information.

A second school will be piloting composting in the fall (Bishop) and I will be submitting a comprehensive DEP grant for a system-wide composting program to be piloted and designed over the next 3 years.

Expense Report

Date	Purchase	Cost	Balance
1-Jul-12	Starting balance		\$ 3,000.00
17-Nov-12	CCD snacks reimburse to Teresa D	30	\$ 2,970.00
Mar-13	discount on New Age composters	up to 800	\$ 2,170.00
20-Mar-13	Trashformations prizes	100	\$ 2,070.00
11-May-13	ReFoamIt at CCD	250	\$ 1,820.00
11-May-13	CCD snacks	30	\$ 1,790.00
6-Jun	litter kit supplies	150	\$1,760
6-Jun	Clear Stream recyclers	\$300	\$1,460

Still to purchase by June 30, 2013

NEW recycle collectors for public spaces, incl shipping
Town Hall Auditorium Recycle Bins

x 15	about \$600
x 2	about \$800